

## STATE of MINNESOTA

## Proclamation

WHEREAS: Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (EDS) is a group of related inherited connective tissue genetic

disorders characterized by looseness, instability, subluxation, and dislocations of the joints; fragile and often hyper-elastic skin that bruises, scars, and tears easily; acute and chronic pain; and unpredictable arterial and organ rupture, which can cause internal

bleeding, shock, stroke, and even premature death; and

WHEREAS: It is estimated that Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome occurs in 1 in 5,000 births worldwide; and

WHEREAS: Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome is frequently misdiagnosed or undiagnosed, resulting in greater

serious injury risks, and discomfort and disability for affected individuals; and

WHEREAS: Early and accurate diagnosis can help prevent of serious complications and improve

quality of life for people with EDS and their families; and

WHEREAS: There is currently no cure or effective treatment for the various subtypes of Ehlers-

Danlos Syndrome, and there also is a lack of evidence-based guidelines for diagnosis and

management; and

WHEREAS: Additional research and study on this group of hereditary disorders of connective tissue

is desperately needed; and

WHEREAS: In honor of those suffering from Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome, EDS organizations continue to

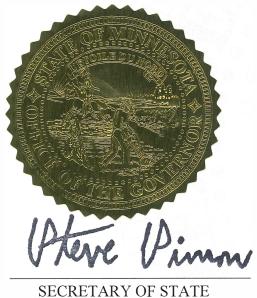
educate the public and the health care community, and assist with research in the hope

of developing new levels of understanding, support, and improved treatments.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2018, as:

## EHLERS-DANLOS SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April.

GOVERNOR